

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, June 2, 2014 in the Township Building. Barry Schrope called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Annette Mullen, Johanna Rehkamp, Vicki Jenkins, Lester Nace, Jeff Smith, Rick Schaar, Dexter Potter, Marty Smith, Mary Smith, Dave Jenkins, David Mills, Kurt Hepschmidt, Roland Finkenbinder, Kraig Nace, Leigh Walter and Holly Potter.

Jim Fuller led the pledge to the American flag followed by a brief moment of silence.

The minutes of the May 5, 2014 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the June 2, 2014 regular meeting for public viewing. Annette Mullen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

David Mills thanked the township for continuing to support recreation in the township.

Roland Finkenbinder stated he is just here to see what the response is from last month's meeting regarding the Noaker situation. Barry Schrope advised an executive session is going to be held with the solicitor tonight regarding the situation.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS advised the report was dropped off last month and if there is any questions please let him know. Kraig stated a mock crash was held at Susquenita in May and it was very successful. Kraig stated last October there was an article in the paper regarding one of their part-time employees being charged with heinous crimes. Kraig stated the case has going to court in New Bloomfield and the employee was found not guilty on all charges and they are pleased to put this behind them.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for last month. Jeff stated they put the mower on the tractor, mowed at the covered bridge and cemetery, cut out all the pipes they will be replacing on Windy Hill, cut a small section they will be replacing on Dark Hollow, cut out the road damage on Pine Hill, sealed cracks from Rt. 274 to Dave's World on Linton Hill, changed the oil in the F250, had some debris to cleanup from storm damage, took the blue & brown dump truck for inspection, took the F550 & F250 to have the coolant filter put on, fixed the pipe that came out on Dugans Mill after a heavy rainstorm, replaced a belt on the tractor and have almost completed the first round of mowing & trimming. Jeff stated he measured the roads that would need line painting this year and has come up with 10 miles. Jeff indicated Hunkey Hollow, Pennells Church, Montebello Farm, Loshes Run, Narrows Road, Pine Hill and Linton Hill Road from Rt. 274 to Dellville Road. Annette Mullen asked what the plan was for Narrows Road where the road humps up. Jeff stated they could start back further and taper the black top into it instead of digging it out. Jeff stated it should be contracted out and he could speak to Ward at Wilson Paving when they come to do the paving project and get a price. Jeff stated Joe McNaughton asked about the pipe at the pond by his place that has a grate over it. Joe would like to know if the township would install an inlet box and that he would be willing to pay for part of it. Jeff stated it is off the right-of-way but the township would have to hook our pipes into it. Barry Schrope indicated he will go and look at it. Jeff stated there is a Penn Township resident on Linton Hill where the water exit's the culvert pipe into their yard and they were wondering in the township could dig a ditch down through their yard. Jim Fuller stated they had met with a Penn Township Supervisor their before and Wheatfield Township had an easement drawn up for the work to be done but the former resident never signed the easement and have since moved out. Barry stated he will go out and look at it.

Joe Burget of Burget & Associates dropped off the Robert & Mary Miller Estate, Miller Township subdivision plan for the supervisor's signatures. The supervisor's at their November 2013 meeting waived the review of the plan since only a small portion was in Wheatfield Township. Plan was signed.

Annette Mullen made a motion to release \$20,700 as budgeted as a donation to the Duncannon EMS, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope advised the township has purchased a 1999 Chevrolet 3500 bucket truck for \$8995 to use for tree trimming.

Barry Schrope advised the Perry County Planning Commission has requested the township schedule a public hearing and intent to adopt the Perry County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Kurt Hepschmidt stated he did review the plan and found a few mistakes which will require an addendum to the plan. Kurt stated there were a few items of concern for Wheatfield Twp. and can go over the concerns with the supervisors. Kurt indicated for the township emergency plan the township should get a resource list together and then maybe a letter in the fall newsletter to get an idea of residents who would need special assistance or those who would be able to help in an emergency situation. Kurt advised the township has received a couple of

model plans to help with creating a resource list. Kurt indicated he would like to have a few deputies appointed to help him. The supervisors indicated they would like to review the County Multi-Hazard Plan before scheduling a public hearing. Barry stated the supervisors will schedule a time to get together with him to go over the issues found. Issue tabled until next month.

Johanna Rehkamp stated she spoke to Valerie Leach's attorney and he has not been able to reach her by phone so he will send a letter to her regarding her putting up a sign on her property indicating there was a scrap business on the premises. The supervisors asked Johanna to send another letter reminding Ms. Leach of the verbal agreement she had with the supervisors.

Barry Schrope indicated Bryce Wisocki has made another payment after a couple reminder calls were made. Barry stated Mr. Wisocki has been told there would be no more reminder calls and if payments are not received every two weeks as promised it will be handed over to the local District Justice for non-payment.

Barry Schrope stated at last month's meeting he stated the township would not be responsible for the remaining 5% portion for engineering on the Sulphur Springs Bridge. Barry stated that was a mistake and we are still responsible for the remaining 5%.

Barry Schrope asked Lester Nace about the status of the building permit for the addition. Lester stated he has a partial permit ready; he needs the estimated cost of the project for the application. Barry stated he will contact John Madden regarding the cost estimate and if bid packages are ready.

At 8:15 p.m. the supervisors advised they are going into an executive session with the solicitor and zoning officer regarding the Noaker property. The supervisors reconvened at 8:45 pm. Barry Schrope stated there was a misinterpretation of the zoning ordinance book and is vague in points. Barry stated when the original permit was issued 10 years ago the buffer yard and screen plantings should have been planned for then. Barry read aloud the section in the zoning book stating approval of plans should have been approved by the zoning officer and planning commission before a permit was issued. Johanna Rehkamp stated in her opinion the township could review the permit and see what was required of the applicant, but the most recent one required a 12' setback which may or may not be correct, but the problem is once the permit is issued and the person relies on that permit the township cannot revoke it and if there is a neighbor who is not in agreement with that permit being issued that needs to be brought up at the time the permit is issued as opposed to a year or ten years later when everything is done. Johanna states to make the property owner change or move a building after it is done would create a hardship on the property owner. Johanna stated in her opinion there is nothing at this point the township can do to make Mr. Noaker move the building to have a 15' setback. Annette Mullen asked Roland Finkenbinder how much of the building is in the 15' setback. Annette stated it looked to her about 8'. Roland stated the part of the problem is it is graded right to the property line and there are no rain gutters on the roof of the building so the water is running into the field. Barry stated Mr. Noaker is planning on putting a tile in the ground to catch the water. Roland asked if there are going to be any screen plantings. Barry asked Roland if Mr. Noaker does screen plantings is this going to put an end to this. Roland stated if the screen plantings would have been done in the original buffer area he wouldn't be here talking about it now. Roland stated the screen plantings would certainly help. Johanna stated Mr. Noaker is not obligated to plant the screen plantings at this point; it would just be out of courtesy. Johanna stated these issues should have been addressed when the permit was issued 10 years ago. Roland asked is there any reason why there can't be stuff planted on the slope. Annette stated the township can ask Mr. Noaker but he is not obligated to do anything, that it was the township's fault in putting 12' for the setback and not his. Roland stated if the screen plantings were from the front of the building forward to the state right-of-way and from the new building back it would certainly help. Roland asked if the supervisors ever given permission to Mr. Noaker to do any dumping on his property. Roland gave pictures to the supervisors of the materials dumped right close to his property line. Roland read aloud from the ordinance book IV-15 regarding dumping of materials. Jim Fuller stated the township can easily address the dumping. Johanna asked Roland if he would be satisfied if Mr. Noaker would take care of the water issue and does a little bit of screening where the setback is not correct. Roland stated he would like to know what is going to be done before he would say yes. Annette stated if Mr. Noaker is unwilling to put the trees up if the area that is in violation of the 15' setback she is willing for the township to put up the trees because we made the mistake, but it would need to be agreed upon with the other supervisors. Jim asked Roland to come to the next meeting and maybe Mr. Noaker would be here and things could be worked out. Barry asked Roland if he could schedule a private meeting

here at the township with both of them would he be willing. Roland stated he would have to think about it. Barry stated he will call Bob as well and ask him. Barry stated he wants to find a happy medium to this situation and get it resolved. The supervisors asked Lester to speak to Bob about the dumping situation.

Annette Mullen asked Lester if he looked at the property she asked him about on McNaughton Drive with the trash issue. Lester stated he has not been there yet, but he will get there.

Lester Nace stated recycling is Saturday. Lester also advised there was a zoning hearing for the Verizon tower on Pleasant Grove and Windy Hill and the board approved the variance as requested.

Johanna Rehkamp stated she received notice in the mail today of 2 properties in Wheatfield Township are going up for tax sale. Johanna stated she gave a copy to Vicki for the township's records.

Jim Fuller stated he is thankful for any volunteers who come out to help with the monthly recycling. Jim also stated there is a property on Cook Road that the township cut down some large pines on the township right-of-way around a sharp corner and the new owners have planted trees and bushes where the stumps of the other trees were taken down. Jim stated he is concerned with them growing out on the right-of-way. Jim stated he and Jeff spoke with the new owner's and they would transplant the bushes and trees and didn't want any trouble with the township. Jim stated they will have to keep an eye on it to make sure it is done and doesn't turn into another blind turn. Jim stated he also attended the Cumberland Perry Task Force meeting last week and received an update on the different projects going on in the county.

Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the checks from the General Fund for the month of May. They were as follows:

2217 – 2253, 041514B, 04-2014, 004-2014, 050914A and 050914B

Annette Mullen second the motion to approve the checks, with all in favor.

There being no further business Barry Schrope made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary